"Amend by adding 'Cherokee' county. "Amend the bill by adding Section 2:

"'Section 2. Upon the written petition of two hundred freeholders of any of the above named counties, or upon the written petition of fifty freeholders of any subdivision of the above named counties, if the law be in force in that subdivision only, the commissioners court shall be authorized and required to order an election on the date therein named to determine whether or not said law be repealed; provided, that such petition be not filed within less than two years from the date this law goes into effect; and provided further, that such petition be signed by at least twentyfour freeholders from each justice pre-cinct in such county. But if this law becomes operative over any of the above named counties as prescribed, it can in no case be repealed by any subdivision except by two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the freeholders of such county at an election held in accordance with the provisions of this act.'

"Amend lines 2, 3 and 4, page 2, so that they shall read as follows: 'Section 1. That Section 1, of Chapter 128, of the General Laws of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, be amended so as to here-

after read as follows.'

"Amend the caption by inserting the word 'and' between 'Austin' and 'Brazos,' in line 28; further by striking out all after the word 'Brazos' and inserting the quotation marks and the words 'by placing the following named counties (insert names of counties to correspond with bill as amended) under the provisions of said chapter, and to declare an emergency.'

"Amend by striking out 'Camp, Cher-

okee and Upshur' counties.

"Amend by striking out 'Titus, Morris and Caldwell.'

"Amend by adding 'Travis' county.
"Amend by striking out the word 'Bastrop' wherever it occurs in the bill."

The Free Conference Committee recommends that the House recede from the

following amendment:

"Amend the bill by striking out the word 'subdivision' in lines 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'one or more justice precincts,' and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'Such subdivision of a county as may be described in the petition and defined by the commissioners court.'"

And that the Senate concur in all

other House amendments.

MILLS,
WILLACY,
HARPER,
MCKAMY,
On part of the Senate.

MORAN,
WORSHAM,
STEWART,
NAPIER,
HODGES,
On part of the House.

Senator Mills moved that the foregoing Free Conference Committee report be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Lipscomb, the Senate, at 5:25 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Friday, March 6, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant Governor Geo. D. Neal in the chair.

Roll call. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their

names:

Beaty. Henderson. Brachfield. Hicks. Hill. Cain. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Martin. McKamv. Davidson of Galveston. Mills. Decker. Morris.

Decker.
Douglass.
Faubion.
Faulk.
Faust.
Grinnan.
Hanger.
Harbison.
Harper.

Morris.
Patteson.
Paulus.
Faulus.
Savage.
Willacy.
Willacy.
Wilson.

Absent.

Hale.

Stafford.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND EM-PLOYES.

Present.

Clyde D. Smith.
W. E. DeLamar.
R. M. Gilmore.
Amos Wynne.
W. M. Cobb.
Eldred McKinnon.
Mrs. Laura V. Grinnan.
F. P. Smith.
Miss Lucy Lane.
C. H. Allen.
D. F. Hughes.
Frank Mullins.
C. J. Kirk.
Rev. I. S. Davenport.

J. C. Son. Miss Mary Odom. Miss Georgie Sturgess. Miss Hattie Yarbrough. Mrs. Hope H. Hawkins. Miss Emily Holcomb. Mrs. J. R. Van Orden. Miss Bessie Goldstein. W. T. Pace. W. A. Shaw, Jr. Lucien Goss. J. A. Chaffe. H. Davenport. Chas. Lane. Willie Gibson. Henry Paulus. Walter Savage. James Sebastian. Willie Gray. James Snipes. Ed Underhill. Will Bartley. Reed Pearson. Dan Edwards. Josh Pyles. Ellis Monroe. Albert Hill. Mark Marsh.

Excused.

Evetts Thornhill.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of

yesterday,

On motion of Senator Harbison, the same was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were offered:

JUDICIARY NO. 1.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No.

l, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 112, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3, Title XXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding Article 942a, to require the Supreme Court to hear arguments and deliver written opinions on the refusal of applications to writs of error,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendadation that it do pass.

HANGER, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903. Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: A minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 112, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3, Title XXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 942a, to require the Supreme Court to hear arguments and deliver written opinions on the refusal of the applications for writs of error,"

Do not concur in the report of the majority, and beg leave to recommend that it do not pass.

HILL.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 157, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 745 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, requiring foreign corporations to file their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State and imposing certain conditions upon said corporations transacting business in this State, and authorizing the Secretary of State to issue permits to such corporations as amended by Chapter 119, Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature,"

Have had the same under considera-

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HANGER, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: A minority of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 157, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 745 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, requiring foreign corporations to file their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State, and imposing certain conditions upon said corporations transacting business in this State, and authorizing the Secretary of State to issue permits to such corporations as amended by Chapter 119, Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature,"

Do not concur in the report of the ma-

jority, and beg leave to recommend that it do not pass.

HANGER.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No.

1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 224, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5, of Chapter 34, of the General Laws of Texas, enacted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, and approved March 29, 1901,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommenda-

tion that it do pass.

HANGER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No.

1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 956 of the Revised Statutes, authorizing the appointment of deputies by the clerk of the Supreme Court, and providing for their compensation,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommenda-

tion that it do pass.

HANGER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No.

l, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2514, 2518c, 2518k, 2518m and 2518n, Chapter 175, of the General Laws of the State of Texas of 1899, and repealing Article 2518r, Chapter 175, of the General Laws of 1899, and all other laws in conflict herewith, relating to Fish and Oyster Commissioner and his duties,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommenda-

tion that it do pass.

HANGER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 229, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define, prohibit and declare illegal the selling at below cost or the giving away of commodities, and the rendering of services at less than the value thereof, for the purpose of driving out of competition or of financially injuring competitors, and to prescribe penalties therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HANGER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 226, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Subdivision 5, of Article 5049, Chapter 18, Title CIV, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, that imposes an annual occupation tax on bankers,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HANGER, Chairman.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

House bill No. 425, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 30, 35 and 10, of Chapter 49, of the Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, creating a more efficient road system for Fayette, Uvalde and Frio counties,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

FAULK, Chairman.

TOWNS AND CITY CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 392, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a charter for the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas;

conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments, and that the bill be not printed:

"Article X, Section 1. Section 2, of Article 1, and Section 1, of Article 4, of this act shall not take effect and be in force as a law except as to the election and provisions hereinafter made relating to such election, unless those sections of the charter, or either of them, hereinbefore provided for shall have been ratified and adopted by a majority of the votes polled at an election held within the limits and under the regulations hereinafter provided, and the result of such election declared in the manner hereinafter also provided.

"Sec. 2. There shall be held throughout the territorial limits described in Section 2, of Article 1, of this act, at such date and under such rules and regulations as shall be fixed by the city council of the city of Houston, not less than thirty days after the going into effect of this act, an election to deter-mine whether or not Section 2, of Article 1, and Section 1, of Article 4, or either or both of them, of this act, shall take effect and be adopted as provisions of said charter of the city of Houston. At such election those favoring the adoption of said sections shall have written or printed on their ballots 'For the extension of city limits,' and those opposing the provision for extending the limits of said city shall have written or printed thereon 'Against the extension of city limits,' and those favoring the appointment of all officers now elected, except the mayor and aldermen, shall have written or printed on their ballots 'For appointment of officers,' and those opposing the appointment of all officers now elected, except the mayor and aldermen, shall have written or printed on their ballots 'Against appointment of of-And if at said election a majority of ballots shall be cast for either one or both of the provisions of said sections in the manner above specified, then, after a canvass of said returns by the city council, said provisions, or both or either of them, as the case may be, shall be declared adopted and shall thereupon become of full force and effectiveness as a part of this act. But if a majority of the ballots shall be against either one or both of the provisions of this act then the section against which the majority of ballots shall be cast shall fail er's south line. and be of no force and effect; provided,

repealing all laws or parts of laws in however, that if Section 1, of Article 4, be not adopted at said election as hereinbefore provided, that then, and in that event, all officers now elective under the present charter of the city of Houston shall be thereafter elective, and all officers now appointive under the present charter of the city of Houston shall continue thereafter to be appointive as is now provided by said charter.

"Sec. 3. If at said election, to be held as hereinbefore provided, a majority of the ballots cast, as affecting the provis-ions of Section 2, of Article 1, herein, shall be 'Against the extension of city limits,' and the result so declared by the city council of the city of Houston, then and in that event the bounds and limits of said corporation shall be three miles square as now fixed by the charter of the said city of Houston and shall embrace the territory contained in the following metes and bounds, towit:

"South boundary line: Beginning at a corner of A. Whitaker's tract, out of lot No. 22, in the Obedience Smith survey, for southwest corner, a stone monument marked 'S. W. C.' distance one hundred (100) feet north of the south line and ten thousand and seven (10,-007) feet west of the east line of said lot No. 22 in said survey; thence due east fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,840) feet to a corner, a stone monument marked 'S. E. C.,' for southeast corner of this survey, said corner being situated in lot No. 12, in the east tier of lots in Settegast's addition out of lot No. 59 (fifty-nine) in the S. M. Williams survey.

"East boundary line: Beginning at the southeast corner monument as above described; thence due north fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,-840) feet to a corner, a stone monument marked 'N. E. C.,' for the northeast corner of this survey, said corner being situated in lot No. 6, block seven (7), Staples and McLelland's addition, and is distant fifteen (15) feet east of the east line of Staples street and thirty-three (33) feet north of the north line of Sewell street.

"North boundary line: Beginning at the northeast corner monument as above described; thence due west fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,840) feet to a corner, a stone monument marked 'N. W. C.,' for the northwest corner of this survey, said monument being situated one hundred and fifty (150) feet west of the west line of Mrs. Klunker's tract, out of the John Austin two-league grant, and fifteen (15) feet north of the prolongation of Mrs. Klunk-

"West boundary line: Beginning at

the northwest corner monument as above described; thence due south fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,840) feet to a corner, said corner being the southwest corner of this survey and the place of the beginning; provided, that should any property lying beyond the city limits be platted into blocks and lots after the passage of this act, then, and in that event, the owners of said property shall lay the same off to conform to the streets and blocks abutting on the same, and shall file with the city engineer a correct map of the same; and provided further, that in no case shall the city of Houston be required to pay for any of the said streets at whatever date opened, but when opened, by reason of the platting of the property, at whatever date platted shall become by such act the property of the city of Houston, for use as public highways, and shall be cared for as such. But if a majority of the ballots cast, as affecting the provisions of Section 2, of Article 1, shall be 'For the extension of city limits,' then the provisions of Section 2, of Article 1, shall be in full force and effect, and the bounds and limits of said corporation shall be as therein prescribed.

"Sec. 4. Said election shall be held at all the several established voting pre-cincts within the bounds of the said city as now established, and also at such voting places as are now or may hereafter be by the city council established within the limits of the territory not now embraced in said city, but which is embraced within the boundaries set forth and described in Section 2, of Article 1,

of this act.

"Sec. 5. The mayor of said city of Houston is directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the election provided in Section 2 of this article, and said proclamation shall be published in one daily newspaper published in said city of Houston for four successive weeks next preceding the date of said election, and the city council of said city shall contract for and pay the costs of said publication and all other costs and expenses of said election as in other elections provided for by law or by its char-

"Sec. 6. All persons qualified to vote in this State under the Constitution and laws of this State, and who are residing within the limits prescribed in Section 2, of Article 1, of this act, at the date of said election, and who have so resided for at least six months next preceding said election, shall be entitled to vote in said election, and the returns of said election and the counting of the votes and the publication of the result shall

and regulations as shall be fixed by the city council of said city of Houston.

Amend Article 2, page 58, by striking out all of Section 18 of said article. "Amend Section 3, Article 2, page 5,

line 27, by striking out 'and electric'; also by striking out the words 'railroad

or' in line 9, Section 3, Article 2, page 6.
"Amend Section 3, Article 2, page 6, lines 12, 13 and 14, by striking out the following, 'An ordinance requiring a greater amount to be paid by the city council of the city of Houston' and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 'Changed by the Legislature of the State

of Texas.'
"Amend Section 3, Article 2, page 6, lines 22, 23, 24 and 25, by striking out the following paragraph: 'The city shall have the power to regulate the price of water and lights, both electric and gas; also to regulate fares of public hacks,' and insert in lieu thereof the following: The city council shall have the power to fix and regulate the price of water and gas, and electric lights, and to regulate fares, tolls and charges of local telephone lines and exchanges, and of public carriers and hacks, whether transporting passengers, freight or baggage, and to prescribe and regulate upon what street or streets public carriers, hacks or other vehicles may stand."

HICKS, Chairman.

JUDICIARY NO. 2.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No.

2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 230, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642 of Chapter 2, Title XXI of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas relating to the creation of corporations, as amended by Chapter 130 of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to Judiciary

Committee No. 1.

PAULUS, Chairman.

STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 4, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and

Stock Raising, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 83, A bill to be entitled be made in accordance with such rules | "An Act to amend Chapter 6, Article 5043,

of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the regulations for the protection of stock raisers in certain localities,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HILL, Chairman.

TOWNS AND CITY CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March, 5, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 264, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the incorporation of the city of San Augustine, San Augustine county, Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HICKS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 5, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Waco and to define its boundaries and powers,' approved February 19, 1889, by adding thereto a section to be known and numbered as Section 21a, and to authorize the maintenance by said city of free public libraries,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and that it be not printed.

HICKS, Chairman.

COUNTY AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903. Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on County and County Boundaries to whom was referred Senate bill No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 812 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to removal of county seats and the manner of calling elections for the removal of county seats,"

Have had the same under considera-

Have had the same under considera- Bills tion, and I am instructed to report it pared

back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SEBASTIAN, Chairman.

ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 5, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 14, being "An Act to validate the titles to certain lands located and patented in Carson, Dallam and Hutchinson counties since July 14, 1879."

And find the same correctly engrossed. PATTESON, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 222, being "An Act to secure evidence by depositions,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. PATTESON, Chairman.

ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 142, being "An Act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Orange county the general civil jurisdiction provided for by the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of the said county to such change and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 10:30 a. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

BEATY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 169, being "An Act to amend paragraph 6, Chapter 4, Section 1, of an act of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of Texas, approved January 22, 1901, entitled 'An Act to regulate the terms and to fix the times for holding the district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas and to regulate and validate the returns of all writs and processes heretofore and hereafter issued from the district courts of said Judicial District and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act and declaring an emergency so as to increase the time for the terms of the district court of Matagorda county, Texas,

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 10:30 a. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

BEATY, Acting Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Hicks:

Senate bill No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed, or about to fail, to construct their roads or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Perkins:

Senate bill No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing persons indicted for felony, whose plea is insanity to be admitted into the State Insane Asylum at Austin, to be there observed and detained until the further order of judge, so that the truth or falsity of such plea may be ascertained."

Further authorizing all persons now confined in the State penitentiaries, who are adjudged to be insane, to be transferred to said institution for observation, treatment and safe keeping, and prescribing methods and proceedings by which such transfers shall be made; also allowing transfer to said asylum of all persons now confined in any other of the insane asylums who are charged with criminal offenses, and making suitable provisions for the safe and proper keeping of all the above classes named, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Asylums.

By Senator Perkins: Senate bill No. 270, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining unlawful insurance business, and fixing the punishment for persons engaged therein or connected therewith or providing for examination! The motion prevailed.

by the Insurance Commissioner of the business of insurance companies, associations or societies."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and His-

By Senator Decker:

Senate bill No. 172, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize county commissioners courts of the several counties of this State to find their indebtedness and to provide means to pay same and repealing all laws in conflict herewith.

Read first time, and referred to Com-

mittee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hicks:

Senate bill No. 273, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment and qualification of a county auditor in any county having a population of 40,000 and over; providing for the manner of appointment; the duties of said officer; the compensation allowed; making this act cumulative of other provisions in the present laws and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Com-

mittee on State Affairs. Morning call concluded.

SENATE BILL NO. 179.

On motion of Senator Davidson of De-Witt, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up out of its order, Senate bill No. 179.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its

second reading, Senate bill No. 179, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1287 and 1288, Chapter 11, Title XXX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the trial of causes so as to fix a method for the setting thereof for trial, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith."

Senator Davidson of DeWitt offered

the following amendment:

"Amend end of Section 2 of the bill by inserting the following: 'Provided that this act shall not apply to counties in which the term of court is two weeks or less."

Senator Faulk offered the following amendment to the amendment:

"Amend the amendment by striking out the word 'two' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'five.'"

Pending discussion on the amendment to the amendment, Senator Davidson, of DeWitt moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until next Tuesday morning at the conclusion of the morning call.

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

Senate bill No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IX, Chapter 2, Article 173, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 173a," with amendments.

Senate bill No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the extension and enlargement of the present iron smelting furnace in the State Penitentiary at Rusk, Texas, or to construct and erect a new furnace at said place, authorizing and directing the Penitentiary Board to purchase or otherwise acquire timber or timbered lands and iron ore or lands containing deposits of iron ore, sufficient to supply the charcoal and iron ore necessary to run and operate the iron smelting furnace or furnaces and pipe works situated in said penitentiary, to their full capacity, as herein provided, and on full time, for not less than ten years from the date of this act; providing for conducting experiments and tests at the State iron smelting furnace in said penitentiary, in the use of lignite or brown coal and fuel oil or fuel in the smelting of iron, prescribing by whom said tests shall be made, and if such tests prove successful, directing the Penitentiary Board to contract for and provide such quantity of lignite and oil, or either of same, for the use of such smelting furnace and iron manufactories as may be necessary for their use and consumption thereafter; providing for the appointment of a general manager of the iron industry of the State Penitentiary, and prescribing his qualifications, powers, duties and compensation, and prescribing certain duties of the superintendent and financial agent of penitentiaries in relation to said iron industry and its general manager; and making an appropriation therefor," with amendments.

House bill No. 283, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1222, Chapter 6, Title XXX, page 274, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to service of citation in suits against incorporated companies and joint stock associations."

Senate bill No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exterminate prairie dogs in Texas by allowing citizens in counties or subdivisions thereof to vote upon the question of such extermination, provid- the county of Reagan out of the terri-

ing means of extermination, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Respectfully, BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

The Chair had referred, after its caption had been read,

House bill No. 283, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1222, Chapter 6, Title XXX, page 274, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to service of citation in suits against incorporated companies and joint stock associations."

Judiciary Committee Referred to No. 1.

SENATE BILL NO. 149.

On motion of Senator Davidson of De-Witt, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 149.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

second reading
Senate bill No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to designate and set aside certain rooms in the State capitol for the use of the Railroad Commission, and making an appropriation to put said rooms in suitable condition for use,"

With the following pending substitute

amendment:

"Strike out after the enacting clause and insert as a substitute: 'That the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds be instructed and empowered to so arrange the open space next to rooms now occupied by Railroad Commission that it will answer for a hearing room for said Commission."

The substitute amendment was adopted.

BILLS SIGNED,

Chair (Lieutenant Governor The Neal) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

Substitute House bill No. 38, "An Act to regulate the employment of children in factories, mills, mines, breweries, manufacturing establishments, and other establishments using machinery, and to provide penalties for the violation of same.'

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16, Authorizing the Land Commissioner to withholu school and asylum lands from sale until pending legislation, regulating the manner of filing applications to purchase, is consummated.

Senate bill No. 102, "An Act to create

tory of Tom Green county, and to pro-

vide for its organization.'

Senate bill No. 164, "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Polk county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change; to nx the time of holding court; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

(Senator Willacy in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 149.

Action recurring on Senate bill No. 149,

The bill was read second time and or-

dered engrossed.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved that the vote by which the bill was ordered engrossed be reconsidered.

The motion prevailed. Senator Davidson of DeWitt offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding:

"'Section 2. Whereas, the rooms now occupied by the Railroad Commission are inadequate for the proper discharge of the public business, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

The amendment was adopted.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Davidson of De-Witt, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the follow-

ing vote:

Yeas-26.

Brachfield.	Harper.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Hill.
Davidson of	Lipscomb.
Galveston.	Martin.
Decker.	McKamy.
Douglass.	Mills.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Paulus.
Faust.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Savage.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Harbison.	Willacy.

Absent.

Beaty.

Hale.

Morris. Stafford. Wilson.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-23.

Brachfield.	Harper.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Douglass.	Mills.
Faubion.	Patteson.
Faulk.	Paulus.
Faust.	Perkins.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harbison	

Absent.

Beaty.	Morris.
Decker.	Savage.
Iale.	Stafford.
Hill.	Wilson.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

PRIVILEGED MOTION.

Senator Perkins called up. Senate bill No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the extension and enlargement of the present iron smelting furnace in the State Penitentiary at Rusk, Texas, or to construct and erect a new furnace at said place, authorizing and directing the Penitentiary Board to purchase or otherwise acquire timber or timbered lands and iron ore or lands containing deposits of iron ore, sufficient to supply the charcoal and iron ore necessary to run and operate the iron smelting furnace or furnaces and pipe works situated in said penitentiary, to their full capacity, as herein provided, and on full time, for not less than ten years from the date of this act; providing for conducting experiments and tests at the State iron smelting furnace in said penitentiary, in the use of lignite or brown coal and fuel oil or fuel in the smelting of iron, prescribing by whom said tests shall be made, and if such tests prove successful directing the Penitentiary Board to contract for and provide such quantity of lignite and oil, or either of same, for the use of such smelting furnace and iron manufactories as may be necessary for their use and consumption thereafter; providing for the appointment of a general manager of the iron industry of the State Penitentiary, and prescribing his qualifications, powers

duties and compensation, and prescribing certain duties of the superintendent and financial agent of penitentiaries in relation to said iron industry and its general manager; and making an appropriation therefor," with amendments.

For the purpose of concurring in the

following House amendments:

First. On page one, line 9, of the engrossed bill, strike out the word "directing" and insert in lieu thereof the word "advising."

Second. On page one, lines 22, 23 and 24, strike out the words "and on full time for not less than ten years from the date of this Act" and insert in lieu thereof the words "for such time as they may think best for the State's interest.'

Third. On page two, in line 2, after the words "Penitentiary Board" insert the words "and Financial Agent."

Senator Perkins moved that the Senate concur in the amendments.

The motion prevailed.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR TUESDAY.

Senator Henderson moved to suspend special order for the purpose of calling up Senate bill No. 170. The motion prevailed, and Senator Henderson moved that the Senate reconsider the vote by which the bill was finally passed.

The motion prevailed, and Senator Henderson moved that the bill be made a special order for next Tuesday morning at the conclusion of morning call.

The motion prevailed.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 11-ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Mills the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up out of its order Substitute House bill No. 11.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3973d, 3974 and 3978, of Title LXXXVI Chapter 13, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895."

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 14—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Harbison the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the senate took up out of its order Senate bill No. 14.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

third reading

Senate bill No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the titles to certain | Hanger. lands located and patented in Carson, Harbison.

Dallam and Hutchinson counties since July 14, 1879."

The bill was read third time, and passed.

Senator Hanger moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SECOND SPECIAL ORDER FOR TUES-DAY.

Senator Sabastian moved that

Senate bill No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the sale of certain portions of the public free school, university and Asylum lands, to railroad companies owning, operating or constructing railroads in this State, for the location and establishment of town sites, depots, stations, yards and roundhouses, shops, division terminals, or water stations; and to prescribe the terms and conditions of such sales, to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to fix the prices of such lands when sold for such purposes,"

Be made special order for next Tues-

day morning.

The motion prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 235—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Mills, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended and the Senate took up out of its order Senate bill No. 235.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

second reading

Senate bill No. 235, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of an Act of the Twenty-first Legislature entitled 'An Act to incorporate the City of Waco and define its boundaries and powers."

Bill read second time, and ordered en-

grossed.

On motion of Senator Mills the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

Brachfield. Harper. Cain. Henderson. Davidson of Hicks. DeWitt. Lipscomb. Martin. Davidson of Galveston. McKamy. Decker. Mills. Douglass. Patteson. Faubion. Paulus. Faulk. Perkins. Faust. Savage. Sebastian. Grinnan. Willacy.

Absent.

Morris: Beaty. Stafford. Hale. Wilson. Hill.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-24.

Harper. Brachfield. Henderson. Cain. Hicks. Davidson of DeWitt. Lipscomb. Davidson of Martin. McKamy. Galveston. Mills. Decker. Paulus. Douglass. Perkins. Faubion. Faulk. Savage. Sebastian. Faust. Willacv. Grinnan. Hanger. Wilson.

Absent.

Morris. Beaty. Patteson. Hale. Stafford. Harbison. Hill.

Senator Mills moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 392—(HOUSTON CHARTER BILL.)

On motion of Senator Lipscomb the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up out of its order House bill No. 392.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

second reading

House bill No. 392, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a charter for the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

With the following committee amend-

ments:

"Article X, Section 1. Section 2, of Article 1, and Section 1, of Article 4, of this act shall not take effect and be in force as a law except as to the election and provisions hereinafter made relating to such election, unless those sections of the charter, or either of them, hereinbefore provided for shall have been ratified and adopted by a majority of the votes polled at an election held within the limits and under the regulations hereinafter provided, and the result of such election declared in the man-

ner hereinafter also provided.
"Sec. 2. There shall be held through-

Section 2, of Article 1, of this act, at such date and under such rules and regulations as shall be fixed by the city council of the city of Houston, not less than thirty days after the going into effect of this act, an election to determine whether or not Section 2, of Article 1, and Section 1, of Article 4, or either or both of them, of this act, shall take effect and be adopted as provisions of said charter of the city of Houston. At such election those favoring the adoption of said sections shall have written or printed on their ballots 'For the extension of city limits,' and those opposing the provision for extending the limits of said city shall have written or printed thereon 'Against the extension of city limits,' and those favoring the appointment of all officers now elected, except the mayor and aldermen, shall have written or printed on their ballots 'For appointment of officers,' and those opposing the appointment of all officers now elected, except the mayor and aldermen, shall have written or printed on their ballots 'Against appointment of officers.' And if at said election a majority of ballots shall be cast for either one or both of the provisions of said sections in the manner above specified, then, after a canvass of said returns by the city council, said provisions, or both or either of them, as the case may be, shall be declared adopted and shall thereupon become of full force and effectiveness as a part of this act. But if a majority of the ballots shall be against either one or both of the provisions of this act. then the section against which the majority of ballots shall be cast shall fail and be of no force and effect; provided, however, that if Section 1, of Article 4, be not adopted at said election as hereinbefore provided, that then, and in that event, all officers now elective under the present charter of the city of Houston shall be thereafter elective, and all officers now appointive under the present charter of the city of Houston shall continue thereafter to be appointive as is now provided by said charter.

"Sec. 3. If at said election, to be held as hereinbefore provided, a majority of the ballots cast, as affecting the provisions of Section 2, of Article 1, herein, shall be 'Against the extension of city limits,' and the result so declared by the city council of the city of Houston, then and in that event the bounds and limits of said corporation shall be three miles square as now fixed by the charter of the said city of Houston and shall embrace the territory contained in the following

metes and bounds, towit:

"South boundary line: Beginning at out the territorial limits described in a corner of A. Whitaker's tract, out of

lot No. 22, in the Obedience Smith survey, for southwest corner, a stone monument marked 'S. W. C.' distance one hundred (100) feet north of the south line and ten thousand and seven (10,-007) feet west of the east line of said lot No. 22 in said survey; thence due east fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,840) feet to a corner, a stone monument marked 'S. E. C.,' for southeast corner of this survey, said corner being situated in lot No. 12, in the east tier of lots in Settegast's addition out of lot No. 59 (fifty-nine) in the S. M. Williams survey.

"East boundary line: Beginning at the southeast corner monument as above described; thence due north fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,-840) feet to a corner, a stone monument marked 'N. E. C.,' for the northeast corner of this survey, said corner being situated in lot No. 6, block seven (7), Staples and McLelland's addition, and is distant fifteen (15) feet east of the east line of Staples street and thirty-three (33) feet north of the north line of Sewell street.

"North boundary line: Beginning at the northeast corner monument as above described; thence due west fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,840) feet to a corner, a stone monument marked 'N. W. C.,' for the northwest corner of this survey, said monument being situated one hundred and fifty (150) feet west of the west line of Mrs. Klunker's tract, out of the John Austin two-league grant, and fifteen (15) feet north of the prolongation of Mrs. Klunker's south line.
"West boundary line: Beginning at

the northwest corner monument as above described; thence due south fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,840) feet to a corner, said corner being the southwest corner of this survey and the place of the beginning; provided, that should any property lying beyond the city limits be platted into blocks and lots after the passage of this act, then, and in that event, the owners of said property shall lay the same off to conform to the streets and blocks abutting on the same, and shall file with the city engineer a correct map of the same; and provided further, that in no case shall the city of Houston be required to pay for any of the said streets at whatever date opened, but when opened, by reason of the platting of the property, at what-ever date platted shall become by such act the property of the city of Houston, for use as public highways, and shall be

be 'For the extension of city limits,' then the provisions of Section 2, of Article 1, shall be in full force and effect, and the bounds and limits of said corporation shall be as therein prescribed.

"Sec. 4. Said election shall be held at all the several established voting pre-cincts within the bounds of the said city as now established, and also at such voting places as are now or may hereafter be by the city council established within the limits of the territory not now embraced in said city, but which is embraced within the boundaries set forth and described in Section 2, of Article 1. of this act.

"Sec. 5. The mayor of said city of Houston is directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the election provided in Section 2 of this article, and said proclamation shall be published in one daily newspaper published in said city of Houston for four successive weeks next preceding the date of said election, and the city council of said city shall contract for and pay the costs of said publication and all other costs and expenses of said election as in other elections provided for by law or by its char-

"Sec. 6. All persons qualified to vote in this State under the Constitution and laws of this State, and who are residing within the limits prescribed in Section 2, of Article 1, of this act, at the date of said election, and who have so resided for at least six months next preceding said election, shall be entitled to vote in said election, and the returns of said election and the counting of the votes and the publication of the result shall be made in accordance with such rules and regulations as shall be fixed by the

city council of said city of Houston.

"Amend Article 2, page 58, by striking out all of Section 18 of said article.

"Amend Section 3, Article 2, page 5, line 27, by striking out 'and electric'; also by striking out the words 'railroad

or' in line 9, Section 3, Article 2, page 6.

"Amend Section 3, Article 2, page 6, lines 12, 13 and 14, by striking out the following, 'An ordinance requiring a greater amount to be paid by the city council of the city of Houston' and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 'Changed by the Legislature of the State of Texas.'
"Amend Section 3, Article 2, page 6,

lines 22, 23, 24 and 25, by striking out the following paragraph: 'The city shall have the power to regulate the price of water and lights, both electric and gas; also to regulate fares of public hacks,' and insert in lieu thereof the following: cared for as such. But if a majority of the ballots cast, as affecting the provisions of Section 2, of Article 1, shall fix and regulate the price of water and gas, and electric lights, and to regulate fares, tolls and charges of local telephone lines and exchanges, and of public carriers and hacks, whether transporting passengers, freight or baggage, and to prescribe and regulate upon what street or streets public carriers, hacks or other vehicles may stand."

Senator Lipscomb moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lay over one day be suspended.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Lipscomb moved to adopt the committee report.

The motion prevailed.

Bill read second time and ordered en-

grossed.

On motion of Senator Lipscomb, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

Brachfield.	Harper.
Cain.	Henderson.
Davidson of	Hicks.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Patteson.
Faubion.	Perkins.
Faulk.	Savage.
Faust.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Willacy.
Hanger.	Wilson.
Harbison.	

Absent.

Beaty. Hale. Hill.	Morris. Paulus. Stafford.
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Senator Lipscomb offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out Section 3, Article 1."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

Brachfield. Cain. Davidson of DeWitt.	Harper. Henderson. Hicks. Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
Galveston.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Patteson.
Faubion.	Perkins.
Faulk.	Savage.
Faust.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Willacy.
Hanger.	Wilson.
Harbison.	,

Absent.

Beaty.	Morris.
Hale.	Paulus.
Hill.	Stafford

Senator Lipscomb moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 222—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Perkins the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended and the Senate took up out of its order Senate bill No. 222.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

third reading

Senate bill No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act to secure evidence by depositions.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

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Brachfield.	Henderson.
Cain.	Hicks.
Davidson of	Lipscomb.
DeWitt.	Martin.
Davidson of	McKamy.
Galveston.	Mills.
Decker.	Patteson.
Douglass.	Paulus.
Faubion.	Perkins.
Faulk.	Savage.
Faust.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harbison.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Beaty.	Hill.
Grinnan.	Morris.
Hale.	Stafford.

Senator Perkins moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 215—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Harper the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up out of its order Senate bill No. 215.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

second reading

Senate bill No. 215, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Limestone county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex-officio road supervisors, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road supervisors, and defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county, authorizing the issuance of bonds for road and bridge purposes, and providing for the levy of road and bridge tax, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this Act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency.

Bill read second time, and ordered en-

grossed.

On motion of Senator Harper, the constitutional rule requiring three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

Brachfield. Harper. Cain. Hicks. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Martin. Davidson of McKamy. Galveston. Mills. Decker. Patteson. Douglass. Paulus. Faubion. Perkins. Faulk. Savage. Faust. Sebastian. Willacy. Grinnan. Hanger. Wilson. Harbison.

Absent.

Beaty. Hill. Morris. Hale. Henderson. Stafford.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

Brachfield. Harper. Hicks. Cain. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Martin. Davidson of McKamy. Galveston. Mills. Patteson. Decker. Douglass. Paulus. Faubion. Perkins. Faulk. Savage. Faust. Sebastian. Grinnan. Willacy. Wilson. Hanger. Harbison.

Absent.

Beaty. Hill. Hale. Morris. Stafford. Henderson.

Senator Harper moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 165 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Decker, the special order of business (Senate bill No. | Douglass.

158) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 165. The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

Senate bill No. 165, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the organization of the militia and the Texas National Guard, to prescribe the duties of the Governor as commander-in-chief, and of other officers, and of the enlisted men thereof, to prescribe rules and regulations for the government thereof, and for calling the same into actual service when necessary, and to provide for the payment thereof, and to authorize the Governor to prescribe and publish fur-ther rules and regulations, to define offenses by officers and enlisted men, to prescribe penalties for such offenses and for violation of such rules and regulations, and to provide for the trial and punishment of such offenders, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith.

The bill was read second time and or-

dered engrossed.

SENATE BILL NO. 147—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Faubion, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 147. The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading, Senate bill No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act to protect the public grounds of the State of Texas."

Senator Faubion offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding section 5:
"Section 5. The fact that there is no law now in force for the purpose of protecting the public grounds of the State as defined in this act, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

The amendment was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Faubion, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Brachfield. Faubion. Cain. Faulk. Davidson of Faust. DeWitt. Grinnan. Davidson of Hanger. Harbison. Galveston. Harper. Decker. Hicks.

Perkins. Lipscomb. Savage. Martin. Sebastian. McKamy. Willacy. Mills. Wilson. Patteson. Paulus.

Absent.

Hill. Beaty. Morris. Hale. Stafford. Henderson.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

Harper. Brachfield. Hicks. Cain. Lipscomb. Davidson of DeWitt. Martin. McKamy. Davidson of Galveston. Mills. Patteson. Decker. Paulus. Douglass. Perkins. Faubion. Savage. Faulk. Sebastian. Faust. Willacy. Grinnan. Hanger. Wilson. Harbison.

Absent.

Beaty. Hill. Morris. Hale. Stafford. Henderson.

Senator Faubion moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table. The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 41 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Senator Wilson, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 41.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

third reading,

House bill No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer Cass county from the community to the district school system."

The bill was read third time, and

Senator Wilson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 137—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Hicks, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 137.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

Senate bill No. 137, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 19 of the Acts of the Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to the attendance of witnesses in criminal cases upon district courts, grand juries and magistrates sitting as examining courts in counties other than that of their residence under subpæna, and to provide for the punishment for disobedience of such subpænas."

Bill read second time, and ordered en-

grossed.

On motion of Senator Hicks, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Harper. Brachfield. Cain. Hicks. Lipscomb. Davidson of DeWitt. Martin. McKamy. Davidson of Mills. Galveston. Patteson. Decker. Paulus. Douglass. Perkins. Faubion. Faulk. Savage. Sebastian. Faust. Willacy. Grinnan. Wilson. Hanger. Harbison.

Absent.

Hill. Beaty. Hale. Morris. Stafford. Henderson.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Harbison.

Harper. Cain. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Martin. Davidson of Mills. Patteson. Galveston. Decker. Paulus. Douglass. Perkins. Faubion. Savage. Faulk. Sebastian. Faust. Willacy. Grinnan. Wilson. Hanger.

Brachfield.

Absent.

Beaty. Hill. McKamy. Hale. Henderson. Morris. Hicks. Stafford.

Senator Hanger moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 134 SIGNED.

The Chair (President Pro Tem Davidson of DeWitt) gave notice of signing, and did sign in the presence of the Sen-

ate after its caption had been read, Senate bill No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit any corporation or receiver operating a line of railway in whole or in part in the State of Texas, or any officer, agent or representative of such corporations, or receiver, from requiring or permitting any conductor, engineer, fireman, brakeman, train dispatcher, telegraph operator, or any trainman who has worked in his respective capacity for sixteen consecutive hours, except in case of casualty, to again go on duty or perform any work until he has had at least eight hours rest, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act."

BILL RECOMMITTED.

Senator Paulus called up House bill No. 18 and moved that it be recommitted to Judiciary Committee No. 2. The motion prevailed.

RECESS.

On motion of Senator Faulk, the Senate, at 12:36 took a recess until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTER RECESS.

(President Pro Tem Davidson of De Witt in the chair.)

PRIVILEGED MOTION.

Senator Savage called up from the table

Senate bill No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create, establish and maintain a branch asylum or home for the care, treatment and support of idiots and imbeciles of this State, and to make an appropriation therefor," with amendments.

For the purpose of concurring in the following House amendments:

"Amend page 2, line 2, by adding after the word 'State' the following: 'and shall be under the same management as the institution in connection with which

it is located.'
"Section 6a. That the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, not otherwise appropriated out of the general revenue of the State, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying into effect this act.'

in Section 3 after the word 'located' in line 27, page 1, and adding the following: 'at Abilene, Texas, to be operated under the management of the Epileptic Colony there located."

Senator Sebastian moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Savage moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed and spread that motion on the Journal.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15.

On motion of Senator Wilson, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up House Concurrent Resolution No. 15. The Chair laid before the Senate

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, to be entitled "An Act to apply to Congress for an amendment to the Federal Constitution for the electing United States Senators by the direct vote of the people."

Senator Wilson moved that the resolution lay on the table subject to call.

The motion prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 27.

On motion of Senator Paulus, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took

up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 27.
The Chair laid before the Senate, on

third reading

Senate bill No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a punishment for sheriffs who shall appoint more deputies than are provided for by law."

The bill was read third time, and

Senator Paulus moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 16 SIGNED.

The Chair (President Pro Tem. Davidson of DeWitt) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Sen-

ate, after its caption had been read, Senate bill No. 16, "An Act to provide for the extension and enlargement of the present iron smelting furnace in the State Penitentiary at Rusk, Texas, or to construct and erect a new furnace at said place, authorizing and advising the Penitentiary Board to purchase or otherwise acquire timber or timbered lands and iron ore or lands containing deposits of iron ore, sufficient to supply the charfect this act." coal and iron ore necessary to run and "Amend by striking out all the words operate the iron smelting furnace or

furnaces and pipe works situated in said penitentiary to their full capacity, as herein provided, for such time as they may think best for the State's interest; providing for conducting experiments and tests at the State iron smelting furnace in said penitentiary, in the use of lignite or brown coal and fuel oil as fuel in the smelting of iron, prescribing by whom said tests shall be made, and if such tests prove successful, directing the Penitentiary Board and Financial Agent to contract for and provide such quantity of lignite and oil, or either of same, for the use of such smelting furnace and iron manufactories as may be necessary for their use and consumption thereafter; providing for the appointment of a general manager of the iron industry of the Texas penitentiary, and prescribing his qualifications, powers, duties a compensation, and prescribing certain duties of the Superintendent and Financial Agent of penitentiaries in relation to said iron industry and its general manager, and making an appropriation therefor."

PRIVILEGED REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin Texas, March 5, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and com-

Senate bill No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a punishment for sheriffs who shall appoint more deputies than are provided for by law,

And find the same correctly engrossed.

SENATE BILL NO. 196.

On motion of Senator Harbison the special order of business (Senate bill No. 158) was suspended, and the Senate took up out of its order Senate bill No. 196. The Chair laid before the Senate on

second reading.

Senate bill No. 196, A bill to be entitled "An Act to better define the qualifications of voters; to prescribe the duties of officers of election, and to make it a penal offense to use or attempt to use for the purpose of enabling one to vote a poll tax receipt issued for another, and to fix a penalty therefor,"

With the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out all after the word 'himself,' on page 1, line 18, to and including the word 'vote,' in line 27."

Also the following substitute amendment, offered by Senator Hicks.

"Amend by adding after the word 'election,' line 32, page 1, the following:

'Provided that in cities or towns having a population of 500 or over according to the last Federal census, no person shall be entitled to vote at any election, National, State or county, city or district, unless he shall have paid the poll tax in person."

Senator Hicks withdrew the substitute

amendment.

Senator Patteson offered the following substitute amendment for the amend-

"Amend by striking out all after the word 'himself,' line 18, page 1, and down to and including the word 'vote' in line 27, and in lieu thereof insert the follow-

ing words:
"Or by some one for him in pursuance of instructions given by the proposed voter, before such payment was made with funds furnished by such voter, or the money expended at his request and in his behalf and must have been repaid by the proposed voter before the first day of February next preceding the election at which he offers to vote.'

Pending action on the substitute to the amendment, Senator Davidson of Galveston moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until next Wednes-

day morning at 11 o'clock. Senator Harbison moved to table that

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-11.

Cain. Martin. Douglass. Patteson. Faubion. Paulus. Grinnan. Sebastian. Harbison. Willacy. Lipscomb.

Nays—11.

Brachfield. Faust. Davidson of Hanger. DeWitt. Hicks.

Davidson of Mills. Galveston. Morris.

Decker. Savage.

Faulk.

Absent.

Beaty. McKamy. Hale. Perkins. Harper. Stafford. Wilson. Henderson.

Hill.

Question being on the motion to postpone, same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-11.

Brachfield. Davidson of Davidson of Galveston. DeWitt. Decker.

Faulk. Mills. Faust. Morris. Hanger. Savage. Hicks.

Nays-11.

Cain. Martin. Douglass. Patteson. Faubion. Paulus. Grinnan. Sebastian. Harbison. Willacy. Lipscomb.

Absent.

Beaty. McKamv. Hale. Perkins. Harper. Stafford. Henderson. Wilson. Hill.

Senator Davidson of Galveston, moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until next Thursday morning at 11

Senator Harbison moved to table that motion.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-12.

Cain. Mills. Douglass. Patteson. Faubion. Paulus. Grinnan. Perkins. Harbison. Sebastian. Martin. Willacy.

Nays—11.

Brachfield. Faust. Davidson of Hanger. DeWitt. Hicks. Davidson of Lipscomb. Galveston. Morris. Decker. Savage.

Faulk.

Absent.

Beaty. Hill. Hale. McKamy. Stafford. Harper. Henderson. Wilson.

PRIVILEGED MOTION.

Senator Patterson called up Senate bill No. 61.

Senate bill No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IX, Chapter 2, Article 173, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 173a," with amendments.

For the purpose of concurring in the

following House amendments:
First. "Amend by inserting 'seven hundred and twenty,' in lieu of 'twelve

hundred' in line 27, page 1."
Second. "Amend the caption by adding thereto the words 'providing for the Collin, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Denton, employment of a secretary or book. Falls, Navarro, Fannin, Hunt, Tarrant,

keeper for the Confederate Home, and fixing the compensation.'"

Third. "Amend by adding after the word 'and' in line 27, page 1, the follow-

The sum of \$360, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the State, to pay the salary of said clerk until September 1, 1903."

On motion of Senator Patteson, the

Senate concurred in the amendment.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10.

Senator Hicks offered the following Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10: Authorizing and instructing the Land Commissioner to withhold school and asylum lands from sale until pending legislation regulating the manner of filing applications to purchase is consummated.

PRIVILEGED MOTION.

On motion of Senator Wilson the special order of business (Senate bill No. 196) was suspended, and the Senate took up House Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, to be entitled "An Act to apply to Congress for an amendment to the Federal Constitution for the electing of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people."

The resolution was read and adopted. Senator Wilson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table

The motion to table prevailed.

THIRD HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the report of the Free Conference Committee to Senate bill No. 8, as follows:

Senate bill No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 128, of an act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and sent to the Governor for his approval on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1899, and entitled 'An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in the following counties, or in any subdivision of said counties, viz.: Cooke, Bell, Ellis, Montague, Fayette, Johnson,

Austin, Grayson, Guadalupe, Dallas, Austin, Brazos, Lavaca, Colorado, Washington, Williamson, Smith, Delta,' so as to place McLennan and Limestone counties under the provisions of said chapter, and to declare an emergency,'

Have had the same under consideration, and report it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the fol-

lowing amendments:

The Free Conference Committee agrees

to the following House amendments:
"Amend the bill by striking out in line 30, page 1, and line 10, page 2, the word 'Coryell.'

"Amend the bill by adding to Section 1 the following counties: Bastrop, Bee, Camp, Caldwell, Colorado, Calhoun, Cass, Comanche, Erath, Hill, Harrison, Hopkins, Jackson, Bosque, Kaufman, Montgomery, Morris, Ursham, Barkon, Bersham, Barkon, Bark gomery, Morris, Upshur, Parker, Rusk, Red River, Titus, Trinity, Victoria, Van Zandt, Wise, Walker, Wood.'

"Amend the bill by adding after the word 'Rains,' in line 31, page 1, and after the word 'Rains,' in line 10, page 2, the following words: 'Wilson, Comal and following words:

Wise.'

"Amend the bill on page 2, Section 2, line 22, by striking out the words 'Mc-Lennan county' and inserting therefor the words 'said counties.'

"Amend by adding Nueces, Bexar, Wilson and Coryell and Bastrop counties.

"Amend by adding Eastland' after 'Kains,' in line 31, page 1, and 'Eastland' after the word 'Limestone,' in line 11,

page 2. "Amend by adding 'Cherokee' county.

"Amend the bill by adding Section 2: ""Section 2. Upon the written peti-tion of two hundred freeholders of any of the above named counties, or upon the written petition of fifty freeholders of any subdivision of the above named counties, if the law be in force in that subdivision only, the commissioners court shall be authorized and required to order an election on the date therein named to determine whether or not said law be repealed; provided, that such petition be not filed within less than two years from the date this law goes into effect; and provided further, that such petition be signed by at least twentyfour freeholders from each justice pre-cinct in such county. But if this law becomes operative over any of the above named counties as prescribed, it can in no case be repealed by any subdivision except by two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the freeholders of such county at an election held in accordance

with the provisions of this act.'
"Amend lines 2, 3 and 4, page 2, so

of the General Laws of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows.'

"Amend the caption by inserting the word 'and' between 'Austin' and 'Brazos,' in line 28; further by striking out all after the word 'Brazos' and inserting the quotation marks and the words by placing the following named counties (insert names of counties to correspond with bill as amended) under the provisions of said chapter, and to declare an emergency.

"Amend by striking out 'Camp, Cher-

okee and Upshur' counties.

"Amend by striking out 'Titus, Morris and Caldwell.'

"Amend by adding 'Travis' county. "Amend by striking out the word 'Bastrop' wherever it occurs in the bill."

The Free Conference Committee recommends that the House recede from the

following amendment:

"Amend the bill by striking out the word 'subdivision,' in lines 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'one or more justice precincts,' and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'Such subdivision of a county as may be described in the petition and defined by the commissioners court."

And that the Senate concur in all

other House amendments.

MORAN WORSHAM, STEWART, NAPIER, HODGES,

On part of the House.

MILLS, WILLACY, HARPER, McKAMY. On part of the Senate.

The House does not concur in Senate amendments to House bill No. 392, and a Free Conference Committee is requested. Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

PRIVILEGED COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and com-

Senate bill No. 16, "An Act to provide for the extension and enlargement of the present iron smelting furnace in the that they shall read as follows: 'Sec- | State Penitentiary at Rusk, Texas, or to tion 1. That Section 1, of Chapter 128, construct and erect a new furnace at

said place, authorizing and advising the Penitentiary Board to purchase or otherwise acquire timber or timbered lands and iron ore or lands containing deposits of iron ore, sufficient to supply the charcoal and iron ore necessary to run and operate the iron smelting furnace or furnaces and pipe works situated in said penitentiary to their full capacity, as herein provided, for such time as they may think best for the State's interest; providing for conducting experiments and tests at the State iron smelting furnace in said penitentiary, in the use of lignite or brown coal and fuel oil as fuel in the smelting of iron, prescribing by whom said tests shall be made, and if such tests prove successful, directing the Penitentiary Board and Financial Agent to contract for and provide such quantity of lignite and oil, or either of same, for the use of such smelting furnace and iron manufactories as may be necessary tor their use and consumption thereafter; providing for the appointment of a general manager of the iron industry of the Texas penitentiary, and prescribing his qualifications, powers, duties and compensation, and prescribing certain duties of the Superintendent and Financial Agent of penitentiaries in relation to said iron industry and its general manager, and making an appropriation therefor."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:25 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

PERKINS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 134, "An Act to prohibit any corporation or receiver operating a line of railway in whole or in part in the State of Texas, or any officer, agent or representative of such corporation or receiver, from requiring or permitting any conductor, engineer, fireman, brakeman, train dispatcher, telegraph operator, or any trainman who has worked in his respective capacity for sixteen consecutive hours, except in case of casualty, to again go on duty or perform any work until he has had at least eight hours rest, and prescribing a penalty for violation of this act,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:25 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

PERKINS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 102, "An Act to create the county of Reagan out of the territory of Tom Green county and to provide for its organization,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:25 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

PERKINS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 164, "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Polk county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change; to fix the time of holding court; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:25 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

PERKINS, Acting Chairman.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The Chair appointed the following Senators on the Free Conference Committee on House bill 392:

Senators Mills, Lipscomb, Faubion, Hanger, Stafford.
PRIVILEGED COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 6, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIB: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10, authorizing and instructing the Land Commissioner to withhold school and asylum lands from sale until pending legislation, regulating the manner of filing applications to purchase is consummated,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and that the resolution be not printed.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10.

Senator Sebastian moved to suspend pending business (Senate bill No. 196) and take up Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Lipscomb. Brachfield. Davidson of Mills. Galveston. Paulus. Perkins. Decker. Faulk. Savage. Faust. Sebastian. Hanger. Willacy. Wilson. Hicks.

Nays-9.

Cain. Grinnan.
Davidson of Harbison.
DeWitt. Martin.
Douglass. Morris.
Faubion. Patteson.

Absent.

Beaty. Hill.
Hale. McKamy.
Harper. Stafford.
Henderson.

Senator Douglass moved the previous question on the amendment and substitute to, pending on Senate bill No. 196. Senator Davidson of Galveston moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday

morning at 10 o'clock.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Brachfield. Faust.
Cain. Hanger.
Davidson of Hicks.
Galveston. Lipscomb.
Decker. Mills.
Faubion. Savage.
Faulk. Wilson.

Nays-11.

Davidson of DeWitt. Martin.
Douglass. Morris.
Grinnan. Patteson.
Paulus. Sebastian.
Perkins. Willacy.

Absent.

Beaty. Hill.
Hale. McKamy.
Harper. Stafford.
Henderson.

Accordingly the Senate, at 4 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Tuesday, March 10, 1903. Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant Governor Geo. D. Neal in the chair.

Roll call. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Brachfield. Hicks. Cain. Hill. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Martin. Decker. Mills. Faubion. Morris. Faulk. Paulus. Faust. Perkins. Grinnan. Savage. Hale. Sebastian. Hanger. Stafford. Harbison. Willacy. Harper. Wilson. Henderson.

Absent.

Beaty. Douglass. Davidson of McKamy. Galveston. Patteson.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

Present.

Clyde D. Smith.
W. E. LeLamar.
R. M. Gilmore.
Amos Wynne.
W. M. Cobb.
Eldred McKinnon.
Mrs. Laura V. Grinnan.
F. P. Smith.
Miss Lucy Lane.
C. H. Allen.
D. F. Hughes.
Frank Mullins.
C. J. Kirk.
Rev. I. F. Davenport.
Miss Mary Odom.
J. C. Son.
Miss Georgia Sturgess.
Miss Hattie Yarbrough.
Mrs. Hope H. Hawkins.
Miss Emily Holcomb.
Mrs. J. R. Van Orden.